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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1956, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed
MARY W. FIELD
ALBERT GECEWICZ
RICHARD J. HOPP,
Auditors

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Marsh M. Byington
Town Clerk and Treasurer	Frank Potter
First Constable	Patrick F. Harte
Tax Collector	Patrick F. Harte
Selectmen	
Term expires 1957	Sidney E. Claflin
Term expires 1958	Charles J. Wilcox
Term expires 1959	Roland J. Aube
School Directors	
Term expires 1957	John W. Booth
Term expires 1958	Allen C. Moore
Term expires 1959	Roderick R. Baldwin
Listers	
Term expires 1957	Floyd Foote
Term expires 1958	Harold McDonald
Term expires 1959	Raymond W. Burleigh
Auditors	
Term expires 1957	Mary W. Field
Term expires 1958	Albert Gecewicz
Term expires 1959	Richard J. Hopp
Overseer of the Poor	Board of Selectmen
Superintendent of Thompson's Point	Henry G. Bushey
Road Commissioners	
Eastern section	Howard O. Palmer
Western section	Henry J. Lane
Town Agent	Raymond W. Burleigh
Town Representative	Mary W. Field
Town Grand Jurors	Henry G. Bushey, John C. Sheehan
Trustee of Public Funds	Rodney C. Dolliver
Cemetery Commissioner	Frank Potter
appointed by Selectmen for Henry Dike (resigned)	
Pound Keeper	Howard O. Palmer

Justices of the Peace

F. S. Preston	R. J. Aube	Romeo Bolduc
F. W. Carpenter	H. A. B. Palmer	
Eugene Whalley	G. L. Root	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Deputy Sheriff	R. W. Burleigh
Notaries	K. C. Taggart, G. L. Root, M. L. Williams
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Mildred F. Potter
Assistant Town Clerk	Mary Waller
Fence Viewers	Floyd Foote, Frank Gervia
Inspector of Lumber and Wood	Max Bishop
Acting Postmistress	Mrs. Irene Spear
Rural Carrier	Samuel Spear
State Fire Warden and Tree Warden	Kenneth C. Taggart

AUDITORS' COMMENTS

After making adjustments for minor clerical errors your auditors again present balanced financial statements.

You will notice that the year closed with a current surplus of about $1200. During the past seven years the selectmen eliminated a current deficit of over $20,000 out of tax money.

With the deficit turned into a surplus it seems that from now on the selectmen should present a budget which will provide only for the money actually needed for the year. Some costs, like Overseer and Winter Roads, may be difficult to anticipate. Unexpected expenditures resulting in a deficit can be appropriated the next year.

Town business is getting bigger each year. Almost $300,000 passed through the Treasurer's books in 1956, and our tax bill exceeded $100,000 for the first time.

This calls for bookkeeping methods which reduce the danger of errors. At present the financial statements of the School Board, the Tax Collector, the Superintendent of Thompson's Point, and the Trustees are prepared by these officials and handed the auditors for auditing and inclusion in the town report. All other financial statements are being prepared by the auditors.

We are pleased that the selectmen are starting their own system of bookkeeping in 1957 which should make it possible for them to obtain a clear financial picture throughout the year.

Both selectmen and road commissioners are using a different type of order form as of January 1, 1957. This should help to account for the various deductions from wages which the town is obliged to make. It was difficult for us to ascertain these items and particularly the town's share of Social Security.

Since the town received during 1956 a trust fund of $35,000, as shown elsewhere in this report, your auditors recommend that three Trustees of Public Funds be elected as provided for in the Vermont Statutes.

SIX YEAR REVIEW

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate	Poll Tax	Current Deficit	Bonded Debt	Total Indebtedness
1951	$13,398.15	$5.45	$7.95	$17,808.23	$104,000.00	$121,808.23
1952	13,455.80	5.45	8.45	20,248.51	97,000.00	117,248.51
1953	13,445.50	6.20	9.20	10,861.26	90,000.00	100,861.26
1954	13,453.72	5.80	8.80	4,570.42	84,000.00	88,570.42
1955	13,668.32	6.40	9.40	1,068.90	78,000.00	79,068.90
				Current Surplus		
1956	13,753.49	7.55	12.55	1,176.09	72,000.00	70,823.91

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

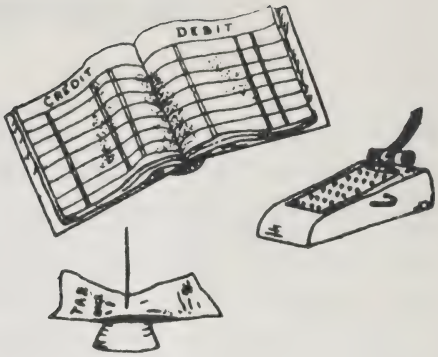
It gives us considerable satisfaction to have our Current Deficit charge paid in full. Continual whittling for six years was needed to pay this deficit of over $19,000.00.

We are committed to have a new bridge at Albert Gecewicz' to replace the covered bridge. This will cost the Town about $6,000.00. This amount will come from the matching funds for Roads.

After litigation of several years our town won the Page Estate case. We have deposited in the savings departments of local banks some $35,000.00. The income of this is to be used for cemetery purposes.

We now have a covered ramp for the school children coming to the Town Hall from the school. This prevents the Hall from getting cold when the scholars come and go. It also keeps the main entrance from getting tracked up by the children. This was a Grange project and the Town Officials are very thankful for this much needed improvement showing the real spirit of co-operation. This ramp is continually in use and much appreciated by all who use it.

Business of the Town



GENERAL FUND

Comparative Financial Statement

	Dec. 31, 1956	Dec. 31, 1955
Current Assets		
Cash on hand and in banks	$ 26,114.69	$ 16,289.17
Delinquent taxes	2,381.40	4,294.59
Due from State of Vermont	7,114.32	3,399.94
Thompson's Point rents	208.50	40.00
Town Farm rent	208.34	.....
Barber Cemetery Fund	57.99	57.99
Total Current Assets	36,085.24	24,081.69
Current *Deficit*	.....	1,068.90
	$ 36,085.24	$ 25,150.59
Current Liabilities		
Due School Fund, Balance of tax appropriation	$ 34,623.66	$ 24,766.82
Due Road Account, Balance of tax appropriation	178.82	33.62
Vt. Dept. of Social Welfare	106.67	35.15
Farmers' Trust Co., Interest on refunding bonds	.....	315.00
Total Current Liabilities	34,909.15	25,150.59
Current *Surplus*	1,176.09	.....
	$ 36,085.24	$ 25,150.59

SCHOOL FUND

Comparative Financial Statement

		1956		1955
Balance — January 1		$ 35,340.14		$ 33,636.87
Receipts and Credits				
Tax appropriation		57,489.59		47,839.12
Lease Land Rents		92.50		92.50
Selectmen Transfer to balance books June 30		3,152.37		1,700.03
Other Receipts		20,545.86		19,330.67
		$116,620.46		$102,599.19
Expenditures				
School Directors' Orders		$ 70,841.78		$ 67,254.33
Other expenditures		.06		4.72
Assets — December 31				
Cash in bank	$ 11,138.66		$ 10,523.32	
Overdue Lease Land Rents	16.30		50.00	
Due from General Fund: Balance of tax appropriation	34,623.66		24,766.82	
		45,778.62		35,340.14
		$116,620.46		$102,599.19

School Fund — Special Account

Balance — January 1, 1956		$ 2,101.10
Expenditures		
Rockland Atlas National Bank:		
Bonds retired *)	$ 2,000.00	
Interest payments *)	101.10	
		$ 2,101.10

*) Additional bond retired and interest payments made from General Fund; see "Selectmen expenditures".

STATEMENT OF
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

			General Fund	School Fund
Receipts:				
Taxes:				
Current		$100,226.09		
Delinquent		8,129.22		
Abatements		115.75		
			$108,471.06	
State of Vermont:				
Winter roads		2,253.75		
State Aid, Roads		20,565.90		
State Aid, Roads (1955)		3,400.94		
			26,220.59	
State Aid, School			19,480.37	
Borrowings:			40,000.00	
Rents:				
Thompson's Point (see page 16)		2,612.00		
Town Farm		333.32		
Town Hall		140.00		
Lease Land (see page 22)		126.20		
			3,211.52	
Licenses:				
Dogs (see page 22)		361.50		
Liquor		75.00		
			436.50	
Sales:				
Culvert		45.57		
Salt and Chloride		239.70		
Road patch		201.82		
			487.09	
Other receipts:				
Interest on delinquent taxes		146.42		
Barber Cemetery fund, 1955		57.99		
Hinesburg School Dept., tuition		77.50		
Toll calls and stamps		4.66		
Refunds	74.00			
	29.45			
		103.45		
Overpayment		.02		
			390.04	
P.T.A., Music teacher		375.00		
Insurance refund		409.24		
				784.24
School fund: Selectmen transfers (for details see "Expenditures")				70,672.94
Total receipts			198,697.17	71,457.18
Cash on hand and in banks, January 1, 1956			16,289.17	10,523.32
			$214,986.34	$ 81,980.50

		General Fund	School Fund
Expenditures:			
Selectmen (see pages 12, 13)			
Transfers to School Fund:			
Balance of 1955 tax appropriation	24,766.82		
Excess transportation	203.75		
To balance books June 30, 1956	3,152.37		
Hinesburg School Dept., tuition	77.50		
1956 Lease Land Income	126.20		
1956 Tax appropriation (in part)	22,865.93		
State Aid	19,480.37		
		70,672.94	
Indebtedness payments		44,000.00	
Other expenditures		30,278.16	
Overseer of the Poor (see page 19)		6,199.52	
Overpayment		1.43	
Road Commissioners (see page 20)		6,199.52	
East section	20,334.96		
West section	17,384.98		
	37,719.94		
Less underpayment	.34		
		37,719.60	
School Directors (see page 39)			
Jan. 1 to June 30, 1956			39,480.50
July 1 to Dec. 31, 1956			31,361.28
Overpayment			.06
Total Expenditures		188,871.65	70,841.84
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956	1,829.34		
Cash in banks Dec. 31, 1956			
Merchants National Bank	23,760.35		11,138.66
Rockland Atlas National Bank	525.00		
		26,114.69	
		$214,986.34	$ 81,980.50

TOTAL BUSINESS OF TOWN

	1956	1955
Through Treasurer's Books		
General Fund	$214,986.34	$179,289.06
School Fund	81,980.50	77,782.37
School Fund, Special Account	2,101.10	11,293.45
M. P. Page Trust Fund	279.17	.....
	$299,347.11	$268,364.88
Paid by State Welfare Department Directly to Recipients	22,380.73	20,752.14
Grand Total	$321,727.84	$289,117.02

STATEMENT OF 1956 TAXES RAISED

Grand List (April 1, 1956):			
Real Estate ($1,122,700.00 at 1%)			$ 11,227.00
Personal Property ($198,249.00 at 1%)			1,982.49
Total General Property			13,209.49
Polls (544 at $1.00)			544.00
Total Grand List			$ 13,753.49
Taxes Billed:			
General Property ($13,209.49 at $7.55)			$ 99,731.65
less fractional difference			0.98
			99,730.67
Polls (544 at $7.55)		$ 4,107.20	
Old Age Tax (544 at $5.00)		2,720.00	
			6,827.20
Total Taxes Billed			$106,557.87
Accounted for as follows:			
Collections			
Property taxes			
Treasurer	$ 94,779.39		
Tax Collector	3,744.27		
		$ 98,523.66	
Poll Taxes			
Treasurer	5,446.70		
Tax Collector	1,154.60		
		6,601.30	
			$105,124.96
Delinquents			
Property taxes	1,207.01		
Poll taxes	225.90		
			1,432.91
			$106,557.87

Bonded Debt

	Dec. 31, 1956	Dec. 31, 1955
Rockland Atlas National Bank		
2½% School Bonds	$ 48,000.00	$ 52,000.00
(Retirement $4,000 yearly)		
Farmers Trust Co.		
2¼% Refunding Bonds	$ 24,000.00	$ 26,000.00
(Retirement $2,000 yearly)		
	$ 72,000.00	$ 78,000.00

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

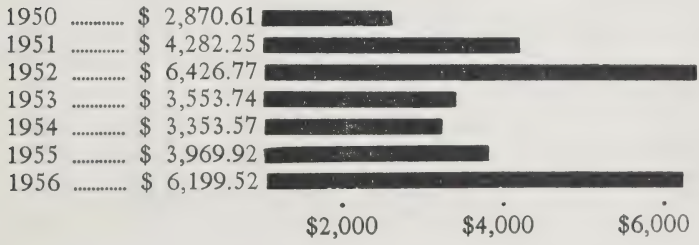
Year	Charged to Collector	Collected	Abated	Balance Uncollected
1945	$ 2.75	$ 2.75	$	$ .....
1948	16.28	16.28	.....	.....
1949	22.55	22.55	.....	.....
1950	22.00	22.00	.....	.....
1951	21.80	21.80	.....	.....
1952	24.53	21.80	.....	2.73
1953	298.24	188.81	.....	109.43
1954	320.51	46.21	.....	274.30
1955	2,611.36	2,410.08	.....	201.28
1956	4,951.28	3,744.27	.....	1,207.01
	$8,291.30	$6,496.55	$	$1,794.75

DELINQUENT POLL TAXES

Year	Charged to Collector	Collected	Abated	Balance Uncollected
1949	$ 16.00	$	$	$ 16.00
1950	32.00	8.00	.....	24.00
1951	31.80	.....	15.90	15.90
1952	66.80	16.10	8.45	42.25
1953	107.62	52.42	9.20	46.00
1954	314.95	147.75	35.20	132.00
1955	385.40	253.80	47.00	84.60
1956	1,380.50	1,154.60	.....	225.90
	$2,335.07	$1,632.67	$ 115.75	$ 586.65

Note: Difference between amount abated ($115.75) and Selectmen's order ($114.85) rectified January 1957.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR EXPENDITURES



SELECTMEN

Analysis of Expenditures, 1956

Town Officers' Services:		
Town Clerk and Treasurer	$ 1,100.00	
Selectmen and Overseers	300.00	
Listers	375.00	
Auditors	330.00	
Superintendent, Thompson's Point	125.00	
		$ 2,230.00
Town Buildings:		
Janitor	1,100.00	
Fuel Oil	640.89	
Electricity	391.09	
Telephone	115.44	
Repairs and Supplies	68.59	
Parking Lot	263.82	
Ramp	275.83	
		2,855.66
Insurance:		
Workmen's Compensation and Liability	606.71	
Town Officers' Bonds	75.00	
Town Hall ($50,000.00); Shed and Equipment ($6,500.00)	150.07	
Town Farm ($7,000.00)	71.38	
		903.16
Taxes:		
Highway Assessment	1,204.38	
Old Age Assistance	2,457.00	
Agricultural Extension Service	196.85	
County Tax on Poll Tax	341.61	
Town's share (2%) of Social Security	100.09	
		4,299.93
Fire Protection:		
Volunteer Fire Department		1,375.55
Health Service		60.50
Tax Abatement		114.85
Interest Payments:		
Farmers' Trust Co., Refunding Bonds	585.00	
Rockland Atlas National Bank, School Bonds	1,048.90	
Merchants National Bank, Notes	439.07	
		2,072.97
Town Machinery:		
Two spreaders	750.00	
Repairs and parts	155.52	
		905.52
Printing and Office Supplies:		
1955 Town Report	479.00	
Forms	125.10	
Special Town Meeting	58.04	
Supplies	54.68	
Stamps	78.00	
		794.82

Summer Roads:			
Labor and Equipment		490.47	
Marcotte Bridge		1,315.45	
Chloride		922.45	
Culverts		786.98	
Bridges		479.77	
Cutting brush		166.31	
Supplies		68.50	
Pent road		5.50	
			4,235.43
Winter Roads:			
Labor and equipment		8,139.80	
Sand and gravel		638.40	
Salt		784.20	
Supplies		105.55	
			9,667.95
Miscellaneous:			
Care of Barber Cemetery		96.00	
Care of Cemetery lots		2.00	
Gravel pit, 50-year lease		100.00	
Town dump		106.94	
Legal advice		100.00	
Ballot clerks		141.00	
Indexing vital statistics		70.00	
Tree dusting		20.00	
Fatal accidents, examiner's fees		20.00	
Chasing cattle		2.50	
Overpayments:	74.00		
	29.38	103.38	
			761.82
			30,278.16
Indebtedness payments:			
Rockland Atlas National Bank, School bond		2,000.00	
Farmers' Trust Co., Refunding bonds		2,000.00	
Merchants National Bank, Notes		40,000.00	
			44,000.00
School Transfers:			
To School Fund			70,672.94
Total Selectmen's Orders			$144,951.10

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

1952—Wiley, Lawrence and Frances	$ 2.73		
		$	2.73
1953—Eno, Charlotte	106.33		
Wiley, Lawrence and Frances	3.10		
			109.43
1954—Dike, Ezra	1.45		
Eno, Charlotte	143.51		
Kilburn, George	90.00		
Lewis, Hugh and Arlene	36.44		
Wiley, Lawrence and Frances	2.90		
			274.30
1955—Curtis, Dr. A. W.	83.20		
Dike, Ezra	1.60		
Eno, Bradley	26.88		
Jacobs, Howard	64.00		
Lewis, Hugh	19.20		
McDurfee, Howard and Alice	3.20		
Wiley, Lawrence and Frances	3.20		
			201.28
1956—Burleigh, Arthur	96.87		
Burns, Lee	30.20		
Cole, John L., Estate	41.53		
Curtis, Dr. A. W., and Ruth	98.15		
Dike, Ezra	1.89		
Eno, Bradley	31.71		
Freeman, Winifred	166.10		
Gervia, Henry and Thelma	7.55		
Harriman, Homer and Marion	11.33		
Holcomb, Harley and Ellen	18.12		
Jacobs, Howard C.	75.50		
Kilburn, George	55.00		
Lewis, Hugh and Arlene	32.47		
Munette, Emma	37.75		
Nye, Foster and Neva	105.70		
Remington, Frederick	22.65		
Shaefer, Betsey L.	67.95		
Spooner, Roy and Mary Jane	223.48		
Therrien, Frederick and Lillian	49.08		
Wescott, Fred and Irma	30.20		
Wiley, Lawrence and Frances	3.78		
			1,207.01
Total			$1,794.75

Signed:

P. F. Harte, *Collector*

DELINQUENT POLL TAXES

1949—Williams, Ralph and Mrs.	$ 16.00		
		$	16.00
1950—Bissonette, Arthur	8.00		
Sorrell, Clarence and Mrs.	16.00		
			24.00
1951—Sorrell, Clarence and Mrs.	15.90		
			15.90
1952—Cusson, Edwin and Mrs.	16.90		
Perrault, Arthur	8.45		
Sorrell, Clarence and Mrs.	16.90		
			42.25
1953—Fennell, Margaret	9.20		
Leaf, Theodore R.	9.20		
Leaf, Arline C.	9.20		
Sorrell, Clarence	9.20		
Sorrell, Helen M.	9.20		
			46.00
1954—Badger, Paul R.	8.80		
Badger, Patricia	8.80		
Bessett, Marguerite	8.80		
Hallock, Mildred I.	8.80		
La Flam, George	8.80		
La Flam, Mable	8.80		
Lavalley, Robert G.	8.80		
Meader, Cornelia	8.80		
Smith, Clayton J.	8.80		
Smith, Mae Laura	8.80		
Surrell, Richard W.	8.80		
Surrell, Eva B.	8.80		
St. Peter, Curtis F.	8.80		
Young, James	8.80		
Young, Isabella	8.80		
			132.00
1955—Brunet, Henry	9.40		
Brunet, Doria	9.40		
Cota, Earl	9.40		
Cota, Inez	9.40		
Garen, Dorilda	9.40		
Larrow, Roy	9.40		
Larrow, Marie	9.40		
Meader, Cornelia	9.40		
Sweet, Allen	9.40		
			84.60

1956—Boisvert, William A.	12.55	
Boisvert, Janice A.	12.55	
Chasteney, William E.	12.55	
Chasteney, Audrey	12.55	
Fisher, Wallace	12.55	
Fisher, Catherine	12.55	
Hale, Velma	12.55	
Hopkins, William	12.55	
Hopkins, Frances	12.55	
Le Clair, Charles F.	12.55	
Larrow, Roy	12.55	
Larrow, Marie	12.55	
Meader, Cornelia	12.55	
Russell, Guy	12.55	
Russell, Leola	12.55	
Siltz, Leo	12.55	
Sweet, Allen	12.55	
Tenney, Elizabeth	12.55	
		225.90
Total		$ 586.65

Signed:
P. F. Harte, *Collector*

SUPERINTENDENT OF THOMPSON'S POINT REPORT

Total rents due for 1956		$2,780.50	
Unpaid rents, 1955		40.00	
			$2,820.50
1956 rents paid		2,612.00	
Unpaid rent, 1955			
Jacob, Howard C.		40.00	
Unpaid rents, 1956			
Bicknell, Geo. K.	$ 23.50		
Gervia, Henry and Thelma	15.00		
Hammond, W. D.	30.00		
Jacob, Howard C.	40.00		
Obomswain estate	20.00		
Palmer, Loren	20.00		
Shaw, Gilbert	20.00		
		168.50	
			$2,820.50

REPORT OF MARGARETTA P. PAGE TRUST FUND

FRANK POTTER, *Town Treasurer*

On March 26, 1956, the Town Treasurer of Charlotte received from Charles R. Ross, Administrator, a check in the sum of $35,000.00 drawn on the funds of the Estate of Margaretta P. Page.

In connection with the use of this fund, the pertinent language is as follows:

> "One half (of the residue of the estate) to the Town of Charlotte, Vermont, in Trust, the same to be always safely invested and the income thereof only to be used first for the upkeep and improvement of four certain lots in Grand View Cemetery, so-called, in said Charlotte, said lots being the Edward S. Pease lot, the George Pease lot, the Fred Pease lot, and the Samuel S. Page lot, any income not being required for the proper upkeep and improvement of said four lots to be used for the general upkeep and maintenance of that cemetery."

The fund is comprised of the following:

Savings account No. 203088 Burlington Savings Bank	$10,000.00
Savings account No. 36956 Chittenden Trust Co.	10,000.00
Cash dividend account No. 14814 Federal Savings & Loan Association	5,000.00
Savings account No. 25 Merchants National Bank	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 1098, Howard National Bank & Trust Co.	5,000.00
	$35,000.00

Receipts

Interest from:	
Burlington Savings Bank	$ 75.00
Chittenden Trust Co.	25.00
Federal Savings and Loan Association	75.00
Merchants National Bank	41.67
Howard National Bank & Trust Co.	62.50
Total income (does not include interest due Dec. 31, 1956)	$279.17

Deposited in checking account "The M. P. Page Trust Fund Town of Charlotte" at the Merchants National Bank.

Expenditures

Paid to Grand View Cemetery Association	$272.75
Bank service charges and printing check book	6.42
	$279.17

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Analysis of Expenditures, 1956

Name	*Total*	*Medical*	*Hospital*	*Groceries*	*Clothing*	*Rent and Board*	*Fuel*	*Dept. of Social Welfare*	*Miscel-laneous*
Abare, Emery	$ 318.45		$ 318.45						
Abare, Ronald	34.50		34.50						
Alexander, Larry	43.00		43.00						
Bailey, Charles, family	517.11	$ 72.00				$ 442.11			$ 3.00
Beauregard, Noella	94.20		94.20						
Bell, Margaret	73.10		73.10						
Blow, Joan	57.50		57.50						
Boisvert, Janice	90.42		90.42						
Chastenay, William	55.70			$ 55.70					
Duby, Thelma	51.36		51.36						
Edgerly, Ed	112.74		112.74						
Fisher, Katharine	83.00		83.00						
Havens, Ernest	31.58		31.58						
Hopkins, William	19.97			19.97					
Johnson, Lawrence	44.50		44.50						
Latriella, Beverley	320.63		320.63						
Little, Marion	74.01			74.01					

Livermore, Lotti	618.00	363.00					$ 227.00		28.00
Munette, Emma	809.35	145.85	349.17		$ 13.37	275.00			25.96
Obomswain, William	413.85	6.00	336.60				71.25		
Perreault, Joseph	549.54			549.54					
Raymond, Allie	492.52		492.52						
Sabin, Maurice	72.93				72.93				
Smith, Sargent	15.00	15.00							
Sorrell, Bernice	120.07		120.07						
Thorpe, Frank	156.32	111.00							45.32
Young, Isabella	73.22		73.22						
Town Aid for dependent children	856.95							$ 856.95	
Total	$6,199.52	$ 712.85	$2,726.56	$ 699.22	$ 86.30	$ 717.11	$ 298.25	$ 856.95	$ 102.28

Funds available to Overseer in 1956:

10% of Grand List		$1,375.35
Thompson's Point rents collected		2,612.00
Town Farm Income —		
Rent	$333.32	
less Insurance	71.38	
		261.94
		$4,249.29
Overseer's expenditures, as above		$6,199.52
Balance paid from Selectmen's "Miscellaneous" account		$1,950.23

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

Analysis of Highway Expenditures—January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

	Labor & Equipment	*Sand & Gravel*	*Salt & Chloride*	*Tar*	*Culverts & Bridges*	*Other Materials*	*Total Costs*	*State Aid*	*Net Cost to Town*
Selectmen									
Winter Roads	$8,139.80	$ 638.40	$ 784.20			$ 105.55	$ 9,667.95	$ 2,253.75	$ 7,414.20
Summer Roads	662.28		922.45		$1,266.75	68.50	2,919.98	180.00	2,739.98
Marcotte Bridge	713.29					602.16	1,315.45		1,315.45
							13,903.38		
Road Commissioners									
Town Roads, East	2,110.72	54.50		90.00		13.66	2,268.88		2,268.88 [5]
Town Roads, West	1,618.75	247.30		234.00		24.52	2,124.57		2,124.57
State Aid:									
Back Roads	9,755.52	1,349.10			1,885.50	351.49	13,341.61	13,203.36[1]	138.25
Retreatment	2,418.12	1,635.76		4,709.65			8,763.53	5,600.00	3,163.53
Resurfacing	139.30	37.25					176.55	146.86[2]	29.69
Construction, regular	1,382.60	359.00					1,741.60	1,741.59[3]	.01
Construction, special (Webster bridge approach)	4,100.15	646.05					4,746.20	3,162.81	1,583.39
Bridge (South of Webster bridge)					4,557.00		4,557.00	3,645.60[4]	911.40
							37,719.94		
	$31,040.53	$4,967.36	$1,706.65	$5,033.65	$7,709.25	$1,165.88	$51,623.32	$29,933.97	$21,689.35

Note: For explanation of numbered items see next page.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

[1] This item includes $3,400.19 State Aid not yet received, and therefore shown as "Asset" of General Fund.

It also includes:

½ cent gas tax — east	$3,546.48	
½ cent gas tax — west	$3,289.94	
		$6,836.42

According to the selectmen additional $3,289.94 are still available in 1957 as part of 1956 State Aid.

[2] Includes $68.53 not yet received from State, hence shown as "Asset" of General Fund.

[3] Webster bridge approach (construction, regular).

Approved by the State for a total of	$2,786.45
Spent in 1956	1,741.59
Balance available in State Aid money for 1957	$1,044.86

[4] Bridge South of Webster bridge.

Funds available in 1956:

State Aid (4/5)	$8,000.00	
Town's share (1/5)	2,000.00	
		$10,000.00

Spent in 1956:

State's share (4/5), not yet claimed or received, hence shown as "Asset"	3,645.60	
Town's share (1/5)	911.40	
		4,557.00

Available in 1957:

State's share (4/5)	4,354.40	
Town's share (1/5) to be included in 1957 tax appropriation	1,088.60	
		5,443.00

[5] A total of $4,572.27 was available in 1956 for Town Roads. Since only $4,393.45 were spent the balance of $178.82 carries over to 1957 and is available to the Road Commissioners without new appropriation. It is therefore shown as "Liability" of the General Fund.

STATEMENT OF LEASE LAND RENTS

Total rents due 1956		$ 92.50	
Unpaid rents 1954-1955		50.00	
			$142.50
1956 rents paid	$ 76.20		
1954-1955 rents paid	50.00		
		126.20	
Unpaid rents, 1956			
Davis, Charles	6.75		
Foote, Floyd	8.00		
Fonda, Clayton	1.55		
		16.30	
			$142.50

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE REVENUE

154 males and spayed females at $2.00	$308.00	Clerk's fee 170 at $ .25	$ 42.50
16 females at $6.00	96.00	Received by Town Treasurer	361.50
	$404.00		$404.00

REPORT OF BARBER CEMETERY FUND

R. C. Dolliver, Trustee of Public Funds

Receipts

Interest from Burlington Savings Bank	$ 47.99
Interest from Government Bond	12.50
From Selectmen's Account	96.00
	$156.49

Expenditures

Labor and Supplies	$ 96.00
Services of Trustee	2.50
Paid Town Treasurer*	57.99
	$ 156.49

Fund is comprised of the following:

Savings Account No. 122,262, Burlington Savings Bank (This account pays 3%)	$1,585.00
U. S. Treasury Bond 89158J 2½% 1967-72, dated Nov. 15, 1945	500.00
	$2,085.00

*Payment to Town Treasurer received after January 1, 1957, and therefore, does not appear as a 1956 receipt.

Health and Social Welfare

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

The following is a report of the public health nursing service in town for the year 1956.

71 visits were made to mothers and babies, especially with mothers having their first baby, or any particular problem;

185 visits were made to the homes of preschool and school children to discuss health problems with the parents. The nurse works closely with the family physician, the school principal, and other Health and Social Agencies in attempting to find a solution to these health problems as the need arises;

59 home visits were made to families for general health supervision.

A Preschool Medical Conference was held in May and 74 children were examined. 23 children received triple antigen, and 20 children were vaccinated against smallpox. There were no outstanding defects found.

In November two School Medical Conferences were held, and 48 children were examined by Dr. Edward Crane. 25 children were vaccinated against smallpox, 43 received booster diphtheria-tetanus shots, and 9 received booster tetanus shots.

The parents in Charlotte are to be commended for their interest in maintaining the protection of their children against communicable diseases by permitting them to receive the necessary booster doses as is recommended.

79 children received their first Salk Vaccine immunization,

65 children received their second dose,

192 children have received their third dose,

16 children of the Polio Pioneer Group received a booster of 1 c.c.

Chest X-ray clinics held twice each month by appointment at the De Goesbriand Memorial Hospital in Burlington, and once each month at the Fanny Allen Hospital in Winooski were available to persons referred by their physicians.

The Public Health Nurse for Charlotte is Mrs. Florence Shea who has her office in Essex Junction, telephone 8-3320.

HORTENSE L. HARWOOD, R.N.
Public Health Nursing Supervisor

REPORT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

VIRGINIA D. PERKINS, *Chairman*

Our Center continues to be of great service to the community and out-of-towners in emergencies for short periods. At present, many of our most essentials are in constant use and some patients could not be without them, such as wheel chairs, etc. For the information of those who are not acquainted with this service, we list the articles available: bedding, blankets, rubber sheets, towels, W. cloths, bed pans, irrigating pans, ice caps, throat and spinal ice bag, ear syringe, comfort cushion, bed table, crutches, commode, layettes, baby supplies, baby basket, crib, medical supplies, sterilized bandages, thermometers, tray supplies, nighties, johnnies, bedpads, blanket support. Hospital bed, recliner, bedside table, and other helpfulness to our supplies were gifts received in appreciation of articles loaned. Joe Wells refinished a commode that was loaned to a patient at "The Inn". Mrs. Ronald Cole gave a pair of adjustable crutches. The Lake Shore Busy Beavers 4-H Club dressed a doll in assistance for a Christmas box as one of their community projects. A good samaritan bought children's clothing to help on Christmas cheer.

Gifts distributed in 1955 included: bedding, clothing, footwear, dainties for patients, fruit, medical supplies, groceries, etc.

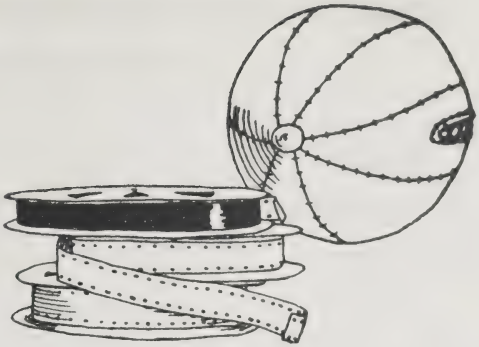
Mrs. Douglas W. Burden's annual check is our principal support in this worthwhile project. To all who wish to avail themselves in emergencies your chairman with pleasure extends her services.

"The smallest good deed
Is better than the grandest intention."

VITAL STATISTICS SUMMARY

Births	**26**	**Marriages**	**5**
Deaths	**11**	**Burials**	**8**

Charlotte Activities



REPORT OF THE CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL MUSEUM FOR 1956

President	Mrs. Howard Bohlen
Secretary	Mrs. Murchison Williams
Treasurer	Miss Rose Murphy
Director & Recorder	Avery Palmer
Trustees	Charles Wilcox
	Mrs. Patrick Hill
	John T. Spear

The Museum Association has a membership of 66 and extends an invitation to anyone to become a member who is interested in local history and the preservation of records, documents, tools, and furniture, etc. Dues are fifty cents a year.

A china doll and wooden cradle were presented to the Museum by Miss Flora Williams, and three books from the Lyceum Hall in E. Charlotte acquired from the Prindle Homestead were presented by Mrs. Hazel Murray.

In December the officers had the opportunity to obtain four matched display cases to exhibit the articles in the Museum to better advantage. Also a safe in which to store valuable books and records. The cost of these was $385.00. It is hoped a large amount of the cost will be covered by individual donations. The committee hope that anyone having anything likely to be of local interest would be good enough to loan or donate these to the Museum.

Eve Bohlen,
President

REPORT OF THE CHARLOTTE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

President	MURRAY FOOTE
Vice-President	MRS. MARK PRINDLE
Secretary	MRS. RICHARD COBB
Treasurer	STEPHAN MOORE

The 8th annual Charlotte PTA bazaar was held on August 10th and 11th. Thanks to the continued interest and effort of the members and friends of the PTA a profit of $1900.00 was realized.

This money has made possible the underwriting of two major projects: the contribution of $500 towards the purchase of an adequate refrigerator for the Hot Lunch Program and the grading and further drainage of the school playground. The latter, when completed, will not only extend the utilizable area, but it is hoped that it will eliminate the muddy condition of the playing surface which has occurred in the spring and fall.

Expansion of the library facilities has continued with the appointment of Mrs. Charles Bean as permanent librarian, part of whose salary is met from PTA funds.

A complete budget for 1956-57 follows:

Music Supplies	$200.00
Eighth Grade Project	100.00
Library	250.00
Recreation	60.00
Membership	25.00
Hot Lunch Cooler	500.00
Hot Lunch Incinerator	15.00
Beach Committee	20.00
Health	50.00
PTA Programs	10.00
Playground Improvement	530.00
Playground Equipment	25.00
Total	$1,785.00

REPORT OF THE PTA HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

In its seventh year of operation under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lindol Atkins, the PTA hot lunch program continued to maintain its high position in the state, serving over 37,500 lunches during 1956.

As it has in the past, the PTA in its annual budget set aside funds for the purchase of equipment the cost of which could not be readily met by the hot lunch program alone. This year a new three-door refrigerator which has been sorely needed for some time was added to the kitchen. The majority of the cost for this item was defrayed by the PTA, the balance by the hot lunch committee.

It is worthy to note that even in the face of rising costs the reimbursement to the program was reduced one cent per meal during the year, thus placing an even heavier emphasis on the suppers put on by the group. From these suppers and from other donations from civic-minded community groups the committee realized over $250.

Mrs. Ella Wrisley and Mrs. Leone Foote assist Mrs. Atkins.

REPORT OF THE CHARLOTTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS — 1956

Chief	W. O. Spear
Captain	H. H. Fish
1st Lieutenant	W. Root
2nd Lieutenant	T. J. Schermerhorn
Steward	S. G. Moore
Secretary	V. R. Bucklin
Treasurer	F. Wells

The main accomplishment of the Charlotte fire department during 1956 was, of course, the construction of a modern fire house on the ferry road. As directed by the town at the March meeting last year, 50 percent of the money voted for the department has been set aside for the building in a fund separate from that for operating expenses. This money, substantially implemented through local financing, has been used to cover cost of materials and certain labor in connection with the construction. Virtually all of the manpower has, however, been supplied by the firemen themselves, aided by several local and summer residents. The department wishes to express its gratitude to all those who lent their assistance in this project. Almost all of the outside work, except for painting, has been completed, although some work remains to be done on the inside of the building.

Once this work has been accomplished, it is planned to arrange a mortgage loan on the structure with a bank in order to repay the local obligation, and to reduce the bank loan through use of the building fund referred to above.

It is a source of gratification to the fire department to note the increasing number of farmers who are constructing large pond holes adjacent to their buildings. In several recent instances water, or the lack of it, has spelled the difference between containing a fire and a tragic loss.

1956 fires were as follows:

Burnett, Henry	Tractor
Curtis, Ezra	House
Fish, Howard	Grass
Gill, Carl	Grass
LeClair, Hermose	Car
LeClair, Hermose	Woods
LaFlam, Earl	Chimney
LaFlam, Earl	Phone Pole
Mt. Philo Inn	Barn, Tenant House
Nye, William (Mutual Aid)	Barn
St. George, Arthur	Chimney
Sheehan, John	House
Thibeault, Claude	House, Barn

FINANCIAL REPORT

Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department

GENERAL FUND

January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Balance on hand and in bank, Jan. 1, 1956		$ 685.39
Receipts:		
Donations (cash)	$ 116.50	
Entertainment	137.90	
Town of Charlotte (5% of Grand List)	687.78	
Refund	.11	
		942.29
		$1,627.68
Disbursements:		
Truck upkeep and operation	$ 292.45	
Insurance	149.94	
Fuel Oil	168.37	
Telephone	137.59	
Electric power	6.77	
Bank service charges	5.15	
Administrative and clerical	33.49	
		$ 793.76
Transfer to Building Fund		340.00
Cash on hand and in bank, Dec. 31, 1956		493.92
		$1,627.68
Unpaid bills (General Fund) Dec. 31, 1956	$ 178.23	

BUILDING FUND

January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Receipts:		
Transfer from General Fund		$ 340.00
Construction Loan		4,000.00
Donations (cash)		235.00
Town of Charlotte (5% of Grand List)		687.77
Interest, Howard National Bank		19.35
Cash discount on materials		120.81
		$5,402.93
Disbursements:		
Materials and Labor	$3,906.86	
Blueprints	3.00	
Administrative	4.00	
		$3,913.86
Cash on hand and in banks, Dec. 31, 1956		1,489.07
		$5,402.93
Building Fund Obligations:		
Materials and supplies	$ 559.93	
Insurance	83.18	
Construction loan retirement and interest	4,135.00	
		$4,778.11

FRED WELLS, *Treasurer*

We have audited the books, examined the bills, and verified the cash and bank balances of the Fire Department, and certify that the above financial statements of the General Fund and the Building Fund are correct.

MARY W. FIELD
ALBERT GECEWICZ
RICHARD J. HOPP

BIRTHS

NAME	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
Carol Lynn Aube	Raymond Albert Aube	Margaret Anne Atherton	Dec. 19, 1955
Carol Anne Fish	Howard H. J. Fish	Mary Catherine Prunier	Dec. 22, 1955
Thomas Maurice Weld	Maurice Houghton Weld	Harriet Etta Ryea	Jan. 6, 1956
Timothy Dale Weld	Maurice Houghton Weld	Harriet Etta Ryea	Jan. 6, 1956
Katherine Frances Langworthy	Garfield Schmid Langworthy	Frances Jean McVaugh	Jan. 13, 1956
Patsy Ann Botala	Rudolph Stevens Botala	Patricia Ann Knox	Jan. 29, 1956
Foster William Nye	Foster Field Nye	Neva Mae Miller	Feb. 16, 1956
David Byron Cook	Albert Byron Cook	Anna May Havens	Feb. 3, 1956
Bruce Roy Baldwin	Roderick Royce Baldwin	Shirley Mae Tripp	Feb. 15, 1956
Kevin Duane Sawtelle	Edward McIntire Sawtelle	Loretta Gordon	Feb. 24, 1956
Diane Mary Porter	Richard McLane Porter	Marion Elizabeth McNamara	April 3, 1956
David Michael Mack	Robert Lawrence Mack	Mary Helen Pollard	April 14, 1956
Deborah Anne Booska	Raleigh Legrand Booska	Mildred Marietta Bessette	April 17, 1956
Francis Albert Dittman	Edward Albert Dittman	Margaret Alice Glynn	April 25, 1956
Helen Mary Lumbra	Norman Edward Lumbra	Mary Dora Alexander	June 16, 1956
Cheryl Lynn Aube	Henry Felix Aube	Wilna Marilyn St. George	July 11, 1956
Pamela Lee Sylvia	Richard Joseph Sylvia	Beatrice Marion St. George	July 22, 1956
Randell Gerard LaFlam	Earl Joseph LaFlam	Anita Flora Bishop	July 30, 1956
Michael Anthony Lowe	Everett Benjamin Lowe	Theresa Eva LaLiberte	Aug. 23, 1956
Shirley Ann Curtis	Fred Robert Curtis	Bertha Beatrice Brace	Aug. 25, 1956
Gerard Rene Laberge	Leo Adelard Laberge	Reina Corrine Aube	Sept. 21, 1956
Jon Wilder Spear	William Oscar Spear	Helena Maud Mack	Sept. 28, 1956
Marlene Joyce Raymond	Neil Francis Raymond	Doris Mae Judd	Oct. 29, 1956
Cynthia Jean Spear	Samuel William Spear	Priscilla Ann Lyman	Nov. 14, 1956
Joseph Fred Smith	Clayton J. Smith	Mae Laura Reynolds	Dec. 3, 1956
Noela Lea Marcotte	Leo George Marcotte	Cecile Ephrozene Aube	Dec. 18, 1956

MARRIAGES

GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE	DATE
Fred Robert Curtis	Salem, Mass.	Bertha Beatrice Brace	Charlotte	Feb. 11, 1956
Thomas William Adams	Charlotte	Marion Stone Thompson	Boston, Mass.	June 9, 1956
Charles Fred LeClair	Charlotte	Ann Beverly Thompson	Keene, N. H.	June 26, 1956
Richard T. Tenney	Charlotte	Beverly Ann Dague	Burlington	July 4, 1956
Hilton F. Place	Hinesburg	Elaine Marie Laberge	Charlotte	Dec. 1, 1956

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR DEATH	DATE
Ethel Sarah Byington	84	Charlotte	Jan. 3, 1956
Frank Thorpe	81	Charlotte	Jan. 12, 1956
Margaret Prindle	69 yrs., 4 mos., 18 da.	Charlotte	Feb. 21, 1956
Angus M. Roberts	81	Charlotte	April 17, 1956
Grant A. Swenor	63	Charlotte	July 12, 1956
Lester George Brace	48	Charlotte	July 16, 1956
Joseph Dittman	3	Charlotte	July 22, 1956
Mary B. Deso	90	Charlotte	Sept. 5, 1956
Clark Morrell Cheney	62 yrs., 9 mos., 24 da.	Unionville, Conn.	Oct. 24, 1956
Alfred C. R. Benoit	75	Charlotte	Nov. 9, 1956
Philip Hayes	63	Charlotte	Dec. 28, 1956

BURIALS

NAME	AGE	PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR DEATH	DATE
Ethel Sarah Byington	84	Charlotte	Jan. 5, 1956
Frank Thorpe	81	Charlotte	Jan. 14, 1956
Margaret Prindle	69 yrs., 4 mos., 18 da.	Charlotte	May 9, 1956
Howard Dewey MaGee	58	Colchester	May 8, 1956
Merritt E. Carpenter	70 yrs., 1 mos., 25 da.	Montpelier	May 28, 1956
Lunia Fonda	76	Colchester	July 16, 1956
Joseph Menoir	64	Burlington	Nov. 2, 1956
Martin A. Gilmore	86 yrs., 8 mos., 14 da.	Albany	Sept. 15, 1956

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

The residents of the Town of Charlotte and of the School District of said Town, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet in the Town Hall, Tuesday, March 5, 1957, at ten o'clock A.M. to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator.
2. To hear the report of the last Annual Meeting.
3. To elect a Town Clerk and Treasurer.
4. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to act on same.
5. To see if the Town will appoint one or two Road Commissioners.
6. To see if the Selectmen shall be empowered to borrow money to meet the debts and current expenses of the Town.
7. To elect all Town Officers required or authorized by law. (Names in parentheses: term expiring)
   - Selectman for three years — ballot (Claflin)
   - One or two Road Commissioners (Lane - Palmer)
   - Overseer of the Poor (Selectmen)
   - Supt. of Thompson's Point (Bushey)
   - Lister for three years — ballot (Foote)
   - Auditor for three years — ballot (Mrs. Field)
   - School Director for three years — ballot (Booth)
   - Constable and, if deemed necessary, a second constable with jurisdiction of the State (Harte)
   - Collector of Taxes if the voters so order (Harte)
   - One or more Grand Jurors (Williams - Sheehan)
   - Town Agent (Burleigh)
   - Trustee of Public Funds for three years — ballot (if the voters so order)
   - Trustee of Public Funds for two years — ballot (if the voters so order)
   - Trustee of Public Funds for one year — ballot (Dolliver)
   - Cemetery Commissioner (Potter)
   - Pound Keeper (Palmer)
   - Any other necessary Town Officers
8. Will the Town vote to adopt the Australian ballot for the election of officers?
9. Will the Town vote 446% for school expenditures for the school year from July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958?
10. Will the voters approve the continuation of the Union High School Study Committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a Union High School District composed of the Towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Shelburne?
11. Will the Town vote 1% to help cover expenses of this study?
12. What action do the voters wish to take relative to the payment of tuition for Charlotte pupils attending approved secondary schools?
13. Will the Town vote to charge the School District $1,000.00 rent for use of the Town Hall per annum?

14. In addition to the tax of 19% for refunding bonds and 38% for school bonds:

Will the Town vote 55% for Winter Roads?

Will the Town vote 45% for Summer Roads?

Will the Town vote 20% for Town Hall and Shed?

Will the Town vote 4% for machinery?

Will the Town vote 17% for officers' salaries?

Will the Town vote 22% to build an office and vault for the preservation and proper use of the Town records?

Will the Town vote 8% for insurance, bonding, and abatements?

Will the Town vote 10% for fire protection (5% for operating expenses of the Volunteer Fire Department; 5% for mortgage debt retirement)?

Will the Town vote 12% for tax assessment?

Will the Town vote 1% for health service?

Will the Town vote 20% for miscellaneous expenses?

Will the Town vote 10% for the Overseer of the Poor?

Will the Town vote 32% for road commissioners?

Will the Town vote 35% for matching funds?

14a. Will the Town vote 4% for Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation?

15. Will the Town vote to have Poll and Old Age Assistance taxes payable on specific date, and whether the payments be made to the Treasurer or Tax Collector?

Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real and personal property due November 15?

16. To vote on the following: Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town? Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

17. To transact all other business deemed necessary.

Dated at Charlotte, Vermont, this 15th day of February, 1957.

Signed

SIDNEY E. CLAFLIN
CHARLES J. WILCOX
ROLAND J. AUBE

Selectmen

SUMMARY—1956 and BUDGET RECOMMENDATION—1957

	1956 Tax Voted %	Amount Appropriated	Other Receipts 1956	Disbursements 1956	Differences *)	Proposed for 1957 Tax Rate %	Proposed for 1957 Appropriation **)
Winter Roads	55	$ 7,564.42	$ 2,253.75	$ 9,667.95	$ 150.22	55	$ 7,562.50
Summer Roads	45	6,189.07	667.09	4,235.43	2,620.73	45	6,187.50
Town Hall and Shed	20	2,750.70	144.66	2,855.66	39.70	20	2,750.00
New Office and Vault	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	3,025.00
Machinery	5	687.67	.....	905.52	(217.85)	4	550.00
Officers' Salaries	20	2,750.70	.....	2,230.00	520.70	17	2,337.50
Insurance, Bonding, abatement	8	1,100.28	.....	1,018.01	82.27	8	1,100.00
Fire Protection	10	1,375.35	.....	1,375.55	(.20)	10	1,375.00
Tax Assessment	12	1,650.42	2,720.00	4,299.93	(70.49)	12	1,650.00
Health Service	2	275.07	.....	60.50	214.57	1	137.50
Miscellaneous	38	5,226.33	670.38	5,246.45	650.26	20	2,750.00
High School Study Committee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	137.50
GBIC	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	550.00
Overseer of the Poor	10	1,375.35	2,945.32	6,199.52	(1,878.85)	10	1,375.00
Refunding Bonds	19	2,613.16	.....	2,585.00	28.16	19	2,612.50
School Bonds†)	25	3,438.37	.....	3,048.90	389.47	38	5,225.00
Road Commissioners	33	4,538.65	33.62	4,393.45	178.82	32	4,400.00
Matching Funds	35	4,813.72	27,500.22	33,326.49	(1,012.55)	35	4,812.50
						353	$ 48,537.50
School	418	57,489.59				446	61,325.00
						799	$109,862.50

† In 1956 in part paid out of Special account

*) in parentheses: overspent
**) on the basis of Grand List of $13,750

CHARLOTTE SCHOOL REPORT

As has been done for several years in Charlotte, this annual report presents figures, facts and recommendations computed and organized by the School Directors and the Superintendent of Schools.

As this is the tenth annual report in which the present superintendent has had a share, it was of some interest to him to refer to his first report, that of 1947, for some statistics of the Charlotte school system of that year. In September of that year Charlotte was employing nine teachers, housed in eight different buildings. (At West Charlotte two rooms were in one building.) The September enrollment totaled 181 pupils, ranging in size of school from 13 at the Stacy School to 24 in the West Charlotte primary room. The grade distribution varied from a total of 14 eighth graders to 34 in grade 3, the largest grade that year.

Looking at more recent figures, let us cite certain statistics for the school year ending June 30, 1956. By a strange coincidence, the total number of different pupils in our school that year was exactly the same as that of the 1954-55 year, 261. Our average daily attendance was 235.79, a drop of 3.31 from the preceding year. The per capita cost of elementary education, computed according to the state formula, was $238.68.

During the 1955-56 year, Charlotte had 80 different pupils enrolled in various secondary schools within and outside the state, with an average number of 78.69 for the year. The per pupil cost of this education to Charlotte school district was $218.60. In many instances additional tuition was paid by parents as Charlotte's policy in recent years has been to pay only the $225 required by law.

Looking now at our most recent complete set of enrollment figures, those of September 1956, we find the following: grade 1, 23; grade 2, 33; grade 3, 36; grade 4, 40; grade 5, 22; grade 6, 34; grade 7, 24; grade 8, 22; total 245. This is actually a decrease of 9 from the corresponding figure of the preceding year and may be an indication that the school population of Charlotte may not continue to increase as rapidly in the next few years as it has in the last few. Further evidence of a slowing down of school population increase is found in a survey we have been making of probable first grade enrollments for September 1957, 1958 and 1959. This survey shows probable entries for those years of 24, 26 and 23 respectively. This unexpected but welcome trend may make it possible for us to postpone for a time the project of providing additional classroom space for which we had anticipated a need.

Since we converted the former music room into our eleventh classroom and a part of the boiler room into a library, we are certainly using every possible space in the building for direct educational purposes. Were it not for the availability of the Town Hall for our auxiliary activities such as lunch programs, music, indoor athletics, assemblies, etc., we would indeed be sorely handicapped.

Our teaching staff this year includes eleven full time teachers, plus our music supervisor who spends one day each week at the school. Three of our teachers are new to us this year. Mrs. Lancaster, who left us at the end of last year was succeeded by Mrs. Lucy Parker Jimmo of North Ferrisburg, a teacher of several years experience who last year completed her third year of training at U.V.M. The second teacher new to the Charlotte School was Mrs. Helen Harte who had been teaching the two previous years in Ferrisburg. Our third new teacher is Mrs. Beverly Mosher, wife of our principal, who had been teaching in Vergennes, and who took the position made vacant by Mrs. Cushman's decision not to teach this year. Mrs. Shirley Marshall, after five years of conscientious service as a school director, resumed direct contact with the school system by accepting the position of office assistant following Mrs. Spear's resignation.

The grouping of pupils among the eleven teachers has been as follows this year: Two rooms have only first grade pupils. We have combination rooms of second and third grades, of third and fourth grades and of sixth and seventh grades. We also have rooms containing only pupils of each of the following grades: two, four, five, six, seven and eight. Because of the uneven and changing sizes of grades, these groupings must of necessity change from year to year.

In addition to the creation of the new classroom within the school building, two other important changes of benefit to the teachers and pupils were carried out during the summer. One was the surfacing of the area around the west and south sides of the building, providing a much better all weather play area. This project was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association. The second project was the new covered entrance to the Town Hall basement promoted and financed by the local Grange. We are sure that both of these developments are greatly appreciated by all connected with the school.

Our financial statements, found elsewhere in your Town Report, show that our anticipated expenditures for the current school year are slightly below the budget figures presented and approved at the 1956 March meeting. We are pleased that we are able to show this result.

The school directors and superintendent appreciate the cooperation and support of Charlotte citizens and express their thanks to all members of the school staff for their conscientious services in behalf of our boys and girls.

JOHN W. BOOTH
ALLEN C. MOORE
RODERICK R. BALDWIN,
School Directors
LLOYD W. MOULTON
Superintendent of Schools

Charlotte, Vermont
January 21, 1957

CHARLOTTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

At the 1956 town meeting new members were added to the Union High School Study Committee by vote of the town.

In addition to continue studying with the Vergennes group the committee was also charged to investigate the possibilities of an organization with neighboring towns to the north. The Vergennes group brought the matter of unionization before its voters in May 1956. Due to the above directive from the Town, the Charlotte study committee felt that it could not recommend that the Town participate in this vote.

At our invitation similar committees from Hinesburg, Shelburne and South Burlington met with us and organized an area study group to which Williston was subsequently added. The town of St. George was invited but never attended.

The five town study group and its subcommittees met frequently during the past year. The Area Survey subcommittee assembled figures on present school costs, school population by age groups and geographical distribution, at the same time attempting to project future school enrollment and population trends.

The Educational Survey subcommittee, later the Curriculum committee, formulated a list of objectives of a high school education which served as a basis for a desirable curriculum. This study is as yet incomplete.

During the course of discussions throughout the year it became increasingly evident that the pressures for joining a Union High School District varied considerably among the five towns. Therefore, Shelburne took the initiative in suggesting a three-town combination of Charlotte, Hinesburg and Shelburne whose needs and interests seemed to be more parallel.

The five-town study committee was not dissolved, but was adjourned in order to give the three towns a chance for further exploration of a possible Union High School.

The committees of these three towns voted to have similar articles included in their town warnings asking the voters to indicate whether they wish their committee to continue this study.

Members of the Charlotte High School Study Committee at present are:

Lynn Alexander (consultant)
Ann Baker
Roderick Baldwin
John Booth
Winnie Cobb (Secretary)
John Coleman
Murray Foote
Richard Hopp (Chairman)
Margaret MacDonough
Leo Marcotte
Shirley Marshall
Allen Moore
Thomas Schermerhorn
Lucy Stearns
Charles Wilcox

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES

	July 1, 1955-June 30, 1956 (12 mos.)	July 1, 1956-Dec. 31, 1956 (6 mos.)	Budget Estimates for School Year July 1, 1955-June 30, 1956	July 1, 1956-June 30, 1957 (revised)	July 1, 1957-June 30, 1958
GENERAL CONTROL					
1. Superintendent's salary, travel, secretary & office expense	$ 1,986.89	$ 1,023.70	$ 1,960.00	$ 2,108.00	$ 2,200.00
2. Other administrative & school board expenses (Directors' fees, supplies, advertising, etc.)	230.04	150.25	213.00	210.00	220.00
INSTRUCTION					
3. Teachers' gross salaries, including principal, music supervisor, and substitutes	29,096.04	12,423.66	29,303.00	35,074.00*)	38,740.00
4. Tuition to high schools	17,291.44	7,862.50	17,973.00	17,863.00	19,000.00
5. Principal's Office					
a. Asst. & substitutes	765.00	306.00	764.00	806.00	850.00
b. Other expenses; petty cash, supplies, etc.	35.52	10.00	76.00	70.00	75.00
6. Textbooks	718.38	849.84	744.00	900.00	1,000.00
7. Instructional Supplies	1,240.27	939.99	1,240.00	1,290.00	1,350.00
8. Library books, magazines, films	——	——	61.00	——	——
9. Special Education	479.13	609.72	479.00	610.00	1,050.00
OPERATION OF PLANT					
10. Janitor's and cleaner's salaries	2,507.53	1,161.37	2,614.00	2,441.00	2,560.00
11. Janitor's supplies & tools	847.36	80.89	395.00	281.00	400.00
12. Fuel	2,337.26	803.46	2,053.00	2,203.00	2,300.00
13. Light and power	642.89	143.45	679.00	643.00	700.00
14. Telephone	124.15	69.50	117.00	150.00	150.00

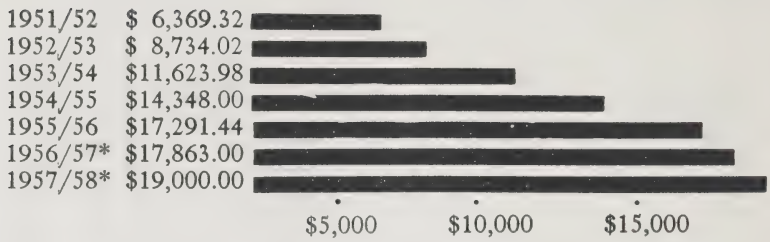
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT					
15. Repairs and upkeep	4,569.68**)	236.15	380.00	336.00	350.00
16. Furniture and equipment (replacement)	111.20	9.00	46.00	84.00	300.00
17. Other maintenance costs	——	——	100.00	100.00	100.00
FIXED CHARGES					
18. Insurance	163.96	——	225.00	225.00	225.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES					
19. Health and medical	17.79	11.64	23.00	25.00	25.00
20. Transportation	10,859.96	4,494.50	10,870.00	10,945.00	11,000.00
21. Law enforcement, census, graduation etc.	24.84	22.20	48.00	52.00	50.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
22. Improvement to building	57.08	153.46	497.00	253.00	500.00
23. New equipment & furniture (not replacement)	1,215.87	——	317.00	200.00	250.00
TOTALS	$75,322.28	$31,361.28	$71,177.00	$76,869.00	$83,395.00
July 1, 1955 - Dec. 31, 1955	$31,899.43		Total budget estimates for		
Special account	3,942.35		July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1958		$83,395.00
Jan. 1, 1956 - June 30, 1956	39,480.50		Estimated receipts:		
	$75,322.28		State aid	$21,700.00	
			Tuition	310.00	
			Lease land	100.00	
					22,110.00
			To be raised by tax		$61,285.00
			Recommended:		
			$4.46 on Grand List of		$13,750.00

*) Includes $5,112.00 for 1956-57 teachers' salary payments due after June 30, 1957.

**) Includes $3,942.35 paid out of Special Account

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid by School Directors



* estimated

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 1956 - 1957

	Number of students				
	Grade 12	*Grade 11*	*Grade 10*	*Grade 9*	*Total*
Burlington High	3	10	11	7	31
Cathedral High, Burlington	1	4			5
Hebron Academy, Hebron, Me.			1		1
Hinesburg High	2	1	1	3	7
Lyndon Institute, Lyndon Center				1	1
Mt. St. Mary Academy, Burlington	2	1	4	2	9
Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.	1		1	1	3
St. Joseph's Ursaline Academy, Malone, N. Y.	1				1
Shelburne High	2	2	2	2	8
Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Penna.				1	1
Vergennes High	2	1	4	4	11
Vermont Academy, Saxtons River		1			1
Totals	14	20	24	21	79

WHO ARE VOTERS IN TOWN MEETING?
(Revision of 1947 as amended in 1949)

Sec. 3499 V.S. Qualifications of voters.

"A male or female citizen twenty-one years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list, including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and whose Poll and Old Age Assistance taxes due such town, were paid prior to January 1 preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of twenty-one years subsequent to the last annual assessment and resided in the town since April 1 last preceding or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall be a voter in town meeting while residing in such town. . . . . A person qualified to vote in town meeting under the provisions of this section shall be qualified to vote in all other municipal meetings."

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